

BASE-BALL GAMES AND OTHER SPORTS OF MEMORIAL DAY

VILE CONDUCT AT BALL PARK

Manager Shaffer Leads An Assault on Umpire, Who is Twice Knocked.

MOB VIOLENCE THREATENED

Excited by Disgraceful Behavior of Players, Spectators Are Nearly Drawn Into Assault.

Results of Yesterday's Games.

At Richmond: First game—Richmond, 9; Roanoke, 1. Second game—Richmond, 1; Roanoke, 2. At Portsmouth: First game—Portsmouth, 3; Norfolk, 5. Second game—Portsmouth, 1; Norfolk, 6. At Lynchburg—Lynchburg, 9; Danville, 0. (No morning game.)

Where They Play To-day.

Roanoke at Richmond. Norfolk at Portsmouth. Danville at Lynchburg.

Standing of Clubs.

| | Won. | Lost. | P.C. |
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| Lynchburg | 19 | 9 | .68 |
| Norfolk | 19 | 9 | .68 |
| Richmond | 11 | 11 | .50 |
| Danville | 11 | 16 | .40 |
| Roanoke | 12 | 18 | .40 |
| Portsmouth | 7 | 23 | .23 |

Manager Charles Shaffer, of the Richmond base-ball team, will be on the bench five days, and he is to pay to the Virginia League \$5 for his rowdy conduct on the diamond yesterday afternoon, when he assaulted Umpire Wingard.

Catcher Hinton and Third Baseman Hamilton were fined \$10 each for their disgraceful conduct. Such behavior on the Richmond diamond was absolutely new to the Richmond people, and the seven or eight thousand persons who witnessed an assault upon the umpire by the three players showed well that they did not tolerate such acts. Hisses came from the grandstand and the crowd when Manager Shaffer and Hinton and Hamilton at once pounced upon the umpire because of a decision that was not favorable to Richmond.

Hundreds of people left the park with the intention of never returning again. It became an assured fact that there will be no rowdiness or disgraceful scenes on the diamond. It will take many months for the conduct of yesterday to be lived down.

At first, the three players were ordered to the bench for two weeks, but last night, when a meeting of the officials of the league was called, it was decided to place only Shaffer on the bench, and to fine the other two. In all, Manager Shaffer will have to pay \$5 for his behavior in Richmond yesterday. In the morning game he set the example by pulling Umpire Wingard's nose. For this he was fined \$10 and placed on the bench for the game. And, not satisfied with this, he started the rowdiness in the afternoon, and drew hundreds of people who go to the ball park to witness clean base-ball, and not to hear rowdies swear and see them act in a disorderly manner.

"Disgraceful," Says Judge Witt.

Judge Samuel B. Witt, of the Hustings Court, said after the game: "It was the most disgraceful conduct I ever saw on a ball field in Richmond. The league should take some steps at once and administer such punishment as will be a lesson to all players in the future. I can't see why the league officials did not arrest Shaffer, Hamilton and Hinton and charge them with disorderly conduct or with having assaulted the umpire."

All of the trouble occurred in the ending of the ninth inning, when the score stood 2 to 1 in favor of Roanoke. Anthony struck out for the Richmonders and Cuddy was hit by a pitched ball. Hamilton struck at two of them and missed each time. The third time he swung and that you do not have in running a gashlike scar. The next day I will be a White," Mr. E. D. Hotchkiss, Jr., "My White car is always ready to take me anywhere I want to go." Mr. A. J. Pizini: "This trip has about converted me to the White car."

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Just Needed a Match.

The fine of Shaffer, imposed in the morning, will not be remitted by the League, and he will either pay this or not play any more.

Never in the history of baseball in Richmond has there been as much excitement on the diamond as yesterday afternoon and never did a riot come nearer happening.

Pugnacious speaking, the gas was turned on and all that was needed was the striking of a match.

Four Richmond policemen, who were in the park at the time, hurried out to the disorderly players, and at once surrounded the umpire. Henrico County Officer Cyclone Samuels was there also and drove the crowd back. He made it clear that the assault had been committed and the crowd was with him to swear to the disorder.

Vice-President W. B. Bradley was in the park a few minutes after the disturbance, and at once denounced the conduct of the players as ungentlemanly and against all the wishes of the officials of the league.

I intend to see that every one of the players who were punished severely," said Mr. Bradley. "We are not going to have such conduct in this park. At the first I warned the players, and if they do not heed this warning, they will get what they deserve. The ladies of Richmond who patronize the baseball games here shall not be made to look upon such disgraceful scenes as the example here this afternoon."

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